

"[CHAPTER 21E]  
JOINT LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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" **[\$21E-1] Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Committee" means the joint legislative management committee established under this chapter.

"Legislative service agency" means the office of the auditor, the office of the legislative reference bureau, and the office of the ombudsman.

"Legislative service agency director" means the director or administrative head of a legislative service agency.

"Member" means a member of the joint legislative management committee. [L 1990, c 127, pt of §2]

" **[\$21E-2] Establishment of the joint legislative management committee; members; terms; vacancies.** (a) There is established within the legislature a bipartisan joint legislative management committee to supervise, develop policy, and coordinate activities for all legislative service agency staff services.

(b) The committee shall consist of ten members: five shall be representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, including the chairperson of the house committee on legislative management and at least one member of the minority party, and five shall be senators appointed by the president of the senate, including the chairperson of the senate committee on legislative management and at least one member of the minority party. The appointing authority of each house shall make and announce the appointment or reappointment of members of the committee no later than fifteen days after the convening of the first regular session of each legislature. The chairpersons of the house and senate legislative management committees shall serve as co-chairs of the joint legislative management committee.

(c) Members shall serve for the duration of the legislature during which they are appointed. In the event the appointing authority of either house has not appointed or reappointed members of the committee within fifteen days after the convening of the first regular session of the legislature, the incumbent members shall continue serving on the committee until successors are appointed. When a member of the committee files a declaration of candidacy for an elective office other than that of member of either house of the legislature, and the member has not resigned from membership on the committee, the member's committee membership shall terminate on the date of filing.

(d) When a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee, the appointing authority of the house incurring the vacancy shall fill the vacancy within thirty days. A legislator

appointed to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the member vacating the seat.

(e) Members of the committee shall serve without pay, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. [L 1990, c 127, pt of §2]

" **[\$21E-3] Meetings and attendance of quorum.** The members of the committee shall meet at times and places as specified by a call of the co-chairpersons or a majority of the committee. The committee shall prescribe rules for its own management and government. Six members of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred on the committee. [L 1990, c 127, pt of §2]

" **[\$21E-4] Powers and duties.** The committee shall be responsible for establishing general policy and evaluating, supervising, and coordinating activities among the legislative service agencies. The committee shall:

- (1) Determine the types, quantity, and quality of tasks to be assigned to each legislative service agency within statutory limitations; provided that with respect to direction to the auditor to conduct investigations pursuant to Article VII, section 10 of the Constitution of the State, direction shall be by both houses of the legislature;
- (2) Evaluate and recommend the budget of each legislative service agency to the legislature;
- (3) Approve annually the salary pay ranges to be used in determining the salaries of the staffs of legislative service agencies. Legislative service agency directors shall determine the salaries to be paid to their respective staffs in accordance with the pay ranges. Each legislative service agency director shall file a report annually with the committee setting forth the salaries paid to their respective staffs;
- (4) Meet at times as it may determine to carry out its policy-making duties;
- (5) Evaluate ways to improve legislative service agency staff services and organization, including but not limited to: operations of legislative service agencies, management of legislative business, legislative compensation, legislative information systems, legislative office space, and efficient use of state capitol facilities;

- (6) Supervise the development, operation, and maintenance of legislative information processing systems, including but not limited to approving and monitoring joint computer operations in the legislative process;
- (7) Adopt rules as necessary for the purposes of this chapter; and
- (8) Do all things necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this chapter. [L 1990, c 127, pt of §2]